

## **Current SIBBG-Approved Bear-Resistant Food Storage Containers (Updated 5/10/06)**

*Note: Conditional approval is given to containers that have passed visual inspection, an impact test and a zoo test. Full approval is given to any container that has done the above and has been successful during three months of field-trials in the summer. Either type of approval may be revoked due to unexpected problems in the field that either lead to failures, injuries, or resource damage. Please contact us if you have a new container idea!! If a bear enters your camp, make noise and try to scare it away. However, if a bear does take possession of your food storage container, DO NOT try to take the container back from the bear, and please advise us on the outcome.*

### **Canisters:**

#### ***Approved – Backpacker Model 812-C*** [Available to rent or purchase in the Parks]

Size: 2 lb, 12 oz (2.7 lbs), 8.8" dia X 12" ht., 615 cubic inches

Garcia Machine, 14097 Ave. 272, Visalia, CA 93292

Phone: (559) 732-3785, Website: [www.backpackerscache.net](http://www.backpackerscache.net)

#### ***Approved – Bearikade/Kodiak-Kan Weekender & Expedition – **Retrofitted Models Only*****

Weekender Size: 1 lb, 15 oz, 9" dia X 10" ht., 650 cubic inches

Expedition Size: 2 lb, 4 oz, 9" dia, 14" ht., 900 cubic inches

Wild Ideas, LLC, PO Box 1575, Santa Ynez, CA 93460

Phone: (805) 693-0550, Website: [www.wild-ideas.net](http://www.wild-ideas.net)

#### ***Approved – Purple Mountain Engineering (PME) – Tahoe Model***

Purple Mountain Engineering Inc., 41236 Elsdale Place, Palmdale, CA 93551

Phone: (661) 722-4936, Website: [www.purplemountainengineer.com](http://www.purplemountainengineer.com)

#### ***Approved – Counter Assault – Bear Keg***

Size: 3.2 lbs, 9" dia X 13.75" ht., 716 cubic inches

Counter Assault, 120 Industrial Court, Kalispell, Montana 59901-7991

Phone: (406) 257-4740 or (800) 695-3394, Website: [www.counterassault.com](http://www.counterassault.com)

#### ***Approved **with Restriction** – BearVault 110,200,250,300***

**Early models (pre-May, 2006) of the BearVault are not allowed in the Rae Lakes / Center Basin area of Kings Canyon National Park. If you are a PCT or JMT hiker in that area – and you are carrying an early model of a BearVault canister, you may use the lockers. Otherwise, please carry a different container. If you have an early model of BearVault, and intend to hike in the Rae Lakes / Center Basin area, a limited number of the new models (350, 400) of the BearVault container will be available to swap out at the Cedar Grove trailhead office. As supplies will be limited, to ensure that you get a newer model, please contact the manufacturer.**

250 Size: 1 lb, 14 oz, 8.7" dia X 8" ht., 433 cubic inches

300 Size: 2 lb, 6 oz, 8.7" dia X 12.4" ht., 693 cubic inches

BearVault, 5663 Balboa Avenue #354, San Diego, CA 92111

Phone: (866) 301-3442, Website: [www.bearvault.com](http://www.bearvault.com)

#### *****Conditionally Approved** – BearVault 350&400***

This conditional approval applies to all areas – including the Rae Lakes / Center Basin area of Kings Canyon Park.

#### *****Conditionally Approved** – Ursack TKO 2.0 Hybrid with Aluminum Insert***

Ursack, 38 Miller Ave. #488, Mill Valley, CA 94941

Phone: (866) BEARBAG or 232-7224, Website: [www.ursack.com](http://www.ursack.com)

#### *****REVOKED** - Ursack Ultra***

The Ursack Ultra has proven to NOT BE bear-proof in these areas and may no longer be used in the Parks. This item is different than the hybrid above, in that there is no insert.

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## **Panniers:**

### ***Approved – DeCarteret Aluminum Stock Panniers***

New DeCarteret panniers are no longer available. Existing ones are approved.

### ***Approved – Berner Bear Box***

Bruce Berner, Westfab Inc., 829 South Bonnie Lane, Watkins, CO 80137  
Phone: 303-343-1998

### ***Approved – Bear Aware Panniers***

Bear-Aware Bear Resistant Panniers [Jeff Berns]  
9145 Glenoaks Blvd., Sun Valley, CA 91352  
Phone (818) 504-3518 or (800) 568-8990, FAX (818) 504-3515  
[www.bear-aware.com](http://www.bear-aware.com) / [jmberns@earthlink.net](mailto:jmberns@earthlink.net)

### ***Conditionally Approved – Bear Country Camping Models: HFO & SFO***

Jerry Kawasaki, P.O. Box 38, Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730  
Phone: (406) 763-4364, [www.bearcountrycamping.com](http://www.bearcountrycamping.com)

***Also Permitted – Steel salvage drums with a security lid may be purchased until panniers are purchased.***

- 1) Dozier Equipment Company [Model K-1035, 8 gallon open head]  
Phone: 800-336-6608  
Website: [www.dozierequip.com](http://www.dozierequip.com)
- 2) Lab Safety Supply Company (Model 9M-9117, 8 gallon open head)  
Phone: 800-356-2501  
Website: [www.labsafety.com](http://www.labsafety.com)

**NOT EVERYONE GETS TO SEE A BEAR,  
BUT WITH PROPER FOOD STORAGE, YOU  
EVEN GET TO SAVE A BEAR'S LIFE.**

**HAVE A GREAT TRIP AND DON'T FORGET  
TO ENJOY THE WILDFLOWERS.**

